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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0986

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, SF, US
SUBJECT: ATTACK ON US BY "THE CITIZEN"

REF: (A) JOHANNESBURG 1491, (B) JOHANNESBURG 1492,

1. I ASKED CONGEN JOHANNESBURG TO TRANSMIT FULL TEXT OF
"THE CITIZEN ARTICLE AND SUPPORTING EDITORIAL OF JUNE 13
ALLEGING A "SECRET US WAR ON SOUTH AFRICA", AS WELL AS
SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES IN SERIES, BECAUSE OF (A) THEIR VIRULENCE
AND (B) THE PRO-GOVERNMENT ORIENTATION, IF NOT ASSOCIATION,
OF THE NEWSPAPER. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THESE ARTICLES HAVE
BEEN PREPARED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS IN
THE SAG, BUT THEY DO REPRESENT A STRIDENT ELABORATION OF SOME
OF THE OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE VIENNA TALKS (CAPE TOWN 862,
878, 892). THE EDITORIAL SPECIFICALLY INDICATES THE ARTICLE
IS AN APPEAL NOT ONLY TO SOUTH AFRICANS TO RALLY ROUND THE
GOVERNMENT BUT, OVER THE HEAD OF THE USG, TO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE AS WELL.

2. "THE CITIZEN", A NATIONALIST-ORIENTED PAPER FOUNDED
LAST YEAR TO ATTRACT THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY TO
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THE GOVERNMENT SIDE (PRETORIA A-147, OCT. 1, 1976), IS
A NATURAL VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE. IT, ALONG WITH THE
AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE, AIDA PARKER, HAS BEEN STRONGLY
CRITICAL OF THE US, THOUGH ON THIS OCCASION IT EXCEEDED
EARLIER LEVELS.

3. THE ARTICLES HAVE GIVEN RISE TO A SERIES OF CRANK CALLS

WITH THREATS AGAINST USIS JOHANNESBURG. I HAVE SPOKEN
TO BRAND FOURIE ABOUT THE ARTICLES, POINTING OUT THAT
THIS KIND OF IRRESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM STIMULATES IRRATIONAL
PEOPLE TO DO IRRATIONAL THINGS AND IS A MATTER OF DEEP
CONCERN TO THE EMBASSY. HE SAID HE HAD SEEN THE ARTICLES AND
WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.BOWDLER

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